

## **The Weakerthans**

# **"Tournament Of Hearts"**

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Now the lounge is full of farmers  
For the 7:30 draw  
Teammates all left  
Before they had to buy a round

When they pull the 50/50  
And I've lost again, I'll go  
Maybe have one more brown one  
For the snowy road

All the championship banners  
Going yellow on the wall  
And my name when it gets closer  
To last call

So Elvira brings my bottle  
Hold it up and let it bend  
Figures of two rinks battling  
An extra end

And I'm peeling off the label  
As they peel a corner guard  
Dance down the sheet to the tune of  
"Hurry, hurry hard"

And my popcorn squeaks with the question  
Wonders why I'm not at home  
Where you waiting beside a silent telephone  
Doodle circles within circles all alone

Have to stop myself from climbing  
On the table full of empties to yell

"Why, why can't I draw right up to what I wanna say?"  
"Why can't I ever stop where I wanna stay?"  
I slide right through the days  
I'm always throwing hack weight

Right off, no never, never ever, ever  
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Now the senior bonspiel winners  
Circa 1963  
Are all staring, glaring disapprovingly  
From their frame in that old photograph at me

And I know you're out their waiting  
For an answer I can't give you  
So tell me

Why, why can't I draw right up to what I wanna say?  
Why can't I ever stop when I wanna stay?  
We roll right through our years  
We drip right through our months  
I slide through our days  
I'm always throwing hack weight

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